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SUBJECT: VISIT TO PORT VICTORIA

REF: A) TRUXTUN MSG 071650Z FEB 77 (NOTAL)
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1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES KEYED TO REFTEL A:
ALPHA: PORT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF YOUR ETA AND
ANCHORAGE POSITION AS PROVIDED REFTEL A.
BRAVO: PORT CAPTAIN ADVISES THAT PILOT IS NOT REQUIRED BUT
HAS OFFERED TO FURNISH ONE IF SHIP SO DESIRES. ADVISE.
HOTEL: IT IS PRACTICE OF EMBASSY TO ARRANGE MEETING
OF THREE LOCAL SHIP'S CHANDLERS WITH SHIP'S SUPPLY OFFICER
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL, USUALLY ON BOARD SHIP.
INFORMAL SOUNDING OF LOCAL MARKET INDICATES MOST OF YOUR
REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET. ADVISE IF THIS PROCEDURE ACCEPTABLE.
FRESH EGGS AND BAKERY PRODUCTS ARE OF HIGH STANDARD AND WILL
BE PROVIDED BY CHANDLERS. PASTEURIZED FRESH MILK NOT AVAILABLE.
KILO: VHF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
ONLY DURING PORT WORKING HOURS (0800-1600 WEEKDAYS).
WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED NO OTHER TWO WAY RADIO CAPABILITY CAN BE
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PROVIDED BY GOS.
MIKE: PORT AUTHORITIES ADVISE THAT 20,000 GALLONS POTABLE
WATER CAN BE PROVIDED DAILY. HOWEVER, WATER AROUND PORT
VICTORIA CAN BE ROUGH DURING PRESENT MONSOON SEASON AND SHIP
SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT WATER BARAGE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PRO-
VIDE SERVICE.
NOVEMBER: RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH VISITS OF FF TYPE MIDEASTFOR

SHIPS INDICATES THAT U.S. DOLS. 20,000 FOR FOUR DAY VISIT WILL BE INSUFFICIENT FOR TRUXTUN. SUGGEST MINIMUM OF U.S. DOLS. 30,000 IN SEYCHELLES RUPEES (RS.). RUPEE TIED TO UK POUND AND RATE VARIABLE. FEBURARY 11 DOLLAR RATE IS 7.69. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSY'S LOCAL BANK, BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE, WILL BOARD SHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL. PLEASE RECONFIRM CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS.

ROMEO: DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS GRANTED PERMISSION FOR SHIP'S HELO TO UTILIZE LOCAL AIRPORT. HE ADVISES THAT VHF COMMUNICATIONS NECESSARY BETWEEN HELO AND CONTROL TOWER. IF HELO DOES NOT HAVE VHF, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT ALTERNATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.

UNIFORM: E-3 AND BELOW ARE REQUIRED BY POLICE TO WEAR LIBERTY UNIFORMS. ALL OTHERS CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

VICTOR: PORT MONITORS CHANNEL 16 VHF 0800-1600 WEEKDAYS AND 0800-1200 SATURDAYS. U.S.A.F. SATELLITE TRACKING STATION GUARDS FREQUENCY - 10780 KHZ, PRIMARY 20390, SECONDARY BOTH 6A9B USG. REQUEST NO ECM TESTING IN VICINITYGB RADIATION PROHIBITED IN RANGE 375-425 MHZ, TRACKING STATION FREQUENCY. ZULU A-1- BOAT FOR LIBERTY PARTY AVAILABLE FOR RUNS FROM 0900-0100 AT RS 200.00 PER ROUND TRIP. BOAT CAN CARRY 75 PASSENGERS.

ZULU A-2- CAR AND DRIVER FOR CO - CAR AND DRIVER APPROXIMATLEY RS 300.00 DAY. CAR ONLY IS RS 110.00. ADVISE.

ZULU A-3- BUS WITH CAPACITY OF 22 PASSENGERS IS AVAILABLE FOR HOURLY TOURS OF ISLAND AND COSTS RS 550 DAILY. ADVISE.

ZULU B - GARBAGE PICKUP BY BARGE ON DAILY BASIS. AUTHORITIES ASK THAT REFUSE BE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC BAGS AND SECURELY FASTENED. ZULU C - TRAVEL AGENT PREPARED TO BOARD WITH CHANDLERS AND BANK CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIALS IF SHIP SO DESIRES. ADVISE.

ZULU 2- ASSUMING PROPOSED HELO PICKUP AT AIRPORT FEASIBLE, AND IF SUFFICIENT LOAD CAPACITY EXISTS, RECOMMEND HEALTH OFFICER AND 2 BANK REPS BE TRNASPORTED IN ADDITION TO CHARGE AND ADMIN OFFICER. ALL OTHERS MENTIONED IN THIS MEEAGE HAVING BUSINESS WITH SHIP WILL BE TRANSPORTED FROM FLEET LANDING AT 0900 BY SEYCHELLES BOAT.

ZULU 3 - GOS SPORTS OFFICER ADVISES THAT BASKETBALL GAMES AND TENNIS MATCHES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. HE IS CHECKING ON FEASIBILITY OF DINGY SAILING COMPETITION WITH LOCAL YACHT CLUB. HE WILL BOARD ON ARRIVAL AND ADVISE SPORTS SCHEDULE.

ZULU 4 - WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH POSTAL CLERK AT USAF TRACKING STATION TO PICKUP TRUXTUNS OUTGOING FIRST CLASS AND REGISTERED MAIL. ASSISTANCE OF YOUR POSTAL CLERK WILL BE REQUIRED.

ZULU 5 - SHORE PATROL REQUIREMENTS - SEYCHELLES POLICE ADVISE THAT SHORE PATROL CONSISTING OF ONE OFFICER OR CPO AND THREE ENLISTED MEN BE STATIONED AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION EACH DAY FROM 1800 TO 0200. SP WILL PATROL WITH LOCAL POLICE AND SP

FROM VISITING FRENCH WARSHIPS. DESPITE CONCURRENT VISIT OF
FRENCH WARSHIPS, NO RESTRICTIONS ON SIZE OF LIBERTY PARTY WILL
BE IMPOSED.

2. REFTTEL A DID NOT CONTAIN ANY ITEMS BETWEEN BRAVO AND HOTEL.
ADVISE IF MESSAGE SECTION MISSING. DO NOT UNDERSTAND INDIA.
REQUEST PROVIDE INTERPRETATION.

3. CALL ON PRIME MINISTER - CHARGE WILL BOARD BY FASTEST MEANS
AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN BRIEFING AND TO ACCOMPANY CO
AND XO TO SCHEDULED 10:00 CALL ON SEYCHELLES PRIME MINISTER
FRANCE ALBERT RENE. (FYI: PRESIDENT MANCHAM, WHO NORMALLY RECEIVES
CALL, IS ABROAD). SHIPS PLAQUE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO PRIME
MINISTER. UNIFORM IS FULL DRESS WHITES, WITH MEDALS AND SWORDS.
CALL WILL BE RETURNED BY PRIME MINISTER AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

4. A 21-GUN SALUTE SHOULD BE FIRED WHEN SHIP APPROACHES ANCHORAGE.
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SALUTE CAN NOT BE RETURNED AS THERE IS NO LAND BATTERY IN
SEYCHELLES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY CREW MEMBERS DISEMBARKING SO
THAT CAT Z ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AND RESERVATIONS SECURED.

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6. EMBASSY HAS TENTATIVELY RESERVED A DOUBLE ROOM AT REEF HOTEL AS WARDROOM ASHORE. RATE IS RS 290.00. MIDEASTFOR SHIPS HAVE FOUND THIS ARRANGEMENT WORTHWHILE. ADVISE.

7. NO DUTY FREE LIQUOR CAN BE BROUGHT OFF THE SHIP BY CREW MEMBERS BUT CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AGREEABLE TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL CLEARING ONE CASE OF LIQUOR AND 3 CASES OF BEER IF YOU SO DESIRE. ADVISE.

8. PORT AUTHORITIES REQUIRE LIST OF SHIPS PERSONNEL FOR PORT GATE POLICE. PLEASE PROVIDE ON ARRIVAL.

9. BLOOD DONORS: SEYCHELLES HOSPITAL HAS CONTINUING SHORTAGE OF BLOOD AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY IF DONORS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. FOLLOWING BLOOD TYPES/QUANTITIES ARE NEEDED: O NEGATIVE/4 PINTS, O POSITIVE/20 PINTS, A/6 PINTS AND B/6 PINTS. IF YOU AGREE, DONORS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL AT 0800 FEBRUARY 21.

10. USAF SATELLITE TRACKING STATION WOULD LIKE TO BORROW SOME FILMS FOR SHOWING AT STATION DURING PERIOD OF VISIT. CAPTAIN BUCHANAN WILL BOARD ON ARRIVAL.

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11. APPRECIATE OFFER OF HOST LUNCHEON AND PROVIDE SHIPS TOUR. BELIEVE OPTION B REFTEL B (WARDROOM LUNCHEON FOR 20 LOCAL DIGNITARIES) WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE. IN VIEW YOUR PREFERENCE FOR SHIPBOARD FUNCTION EARLY IN VISIT, SUGGEST LUNCHEON AT 1300 ON FEBRUARY 19, WITH PICKUP BY SHIPS BOAT(S) FROM NEW PORT PIER AREA AT 12:30. ADVISE. CHARGE PLANNING COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR 80 IN HONOR TRUXON VISIT EVENING OF FEBRUARY 22. PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR SHIPBOARD LUNCHEON AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL. MATTSON

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